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GOOGLE MAP
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the American company Google is displaying an incorrect map of various States including Arunachal Pradesh on Google Map and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard and to ensure that such incidents do not occur in future?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) Yes. Madam, 'Google' is displaying incorrect map of India, wrongly depicting the international boundary of some states like Arunachal Pradesh, on its different websites.

(b) Displaying an incorrect map by Google is an offence under Section 69A of IT Act, 2000. Survey of India, which is the nodal agency to deal with issues related to boundary matters has been advised to take appropriate legal action for the violation committed by Google. Further, Department of Electronics and Information Technology has also been asked to initiate appropriate legal action under the IT Act.